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INTRODUCTION

This report is another in a series designed to follow West German reactions to issues of possible importance upon the holding of a Summit Conference. The announcement on June 17, 1958 that Premier Nagy and General Maleter had been executed launched another wave of reaction against the Soviet Union in many quarters of the globe. This particular study was therefore planned not only to determine the nature and extent of West German reactions to this "news of the day" but also to determine how it influenced their expectations regarding a possible Summit Conference.

The sample is, of course, a probability one of the West German adult population (18 years of age and over), and consists of a total of 1,676 cases interviewed during the period from July 4th through 28th, 1958. Interviewing was accomplished by DIVO, Marktforschung - Meinungsforschung - Sozialforschung, GmbH, Frankfurt am Main/Bad Godesberg.

SUMMARY

If the Nagy-Maleter executions shocked West German sensitivities, there was little evidence of it some two to five weeks after the announcement, when this survey was carried out. It was named as the most important event of the preceding four weeks by less than one out of ten. The football championships, unrest in the Middle East, and the local elections in North Rhine/Westphalia ranked as high or higher.

When asked to pass judgment upon the executions, seven out of ten said that there was absolutely no justification for such action, but one-fourth of the population withheld judgment. There was considerable uncertainty over the significances of the event, and a plurality saw it as a warning to the West not to interfere in the affairs of the East (Moscow's line since the suppression of the revolution).

Few people believe that the executions will have an influence upon the holding of a Summit Conference; and those who do think so, only believe that it will make negotiations more difficult, rather than prevent the meeting from taking place. Expectations concerning the probability that a Summit meeting will occur have not materially changed since April, when a conference was viewed as more likely than not.



Section I - Awareness of the Executions

FEWER THAN ONE OUT OF TEN SPONTANEOUSLY NAMED EXECUTIONS AS "MOST IMPORTANT EVENT" OF THE PAST FOUR WEEKS, YET SIX OUT OF TEN NAMED IT WHEN HUNGARY MENTIONED ...

While the announcement of the executions of ex-Premier Nagy and General Maleter was supposed to have shocked the consciences of the Free World, this event was far from uppermost in the minds of the West German population some two to five weeks after the announcement was made.

When they were asked to say what was the most important event which occurred in the preceding four weeks, fewer than one person out of ten (7%) named the executions. As a matter of fact this event ranked on the same level as the football championships then taking place in Sweden (also 7%). While the differences are statistically insignificant, the most often named events were the political unrest in the Near East and Africa (10%), discussions on the suspension of A-bomb tests (8%), and the election campaign in Land North Rhine/Westphalia (8%), which occurred on July 6th.

A separate tabulation of the first several hundred interviews, collected during the first days of interviewing (July 4 - 9) revealed that time was not a factor in removing the Hungarian events from the forefront of respondents thoughts. In this earlier period, the percentage of people naming the executions was really no higher than the final figure for the entire sample. It was but 9 per cent - as compared with the final figure of 7 per cent.

"When you consider what has happened in the world in the last four weeks, what would you say was the most important event?"

Summary Table

	TOTAL West Germany (1676)	Interviews July 4 - 9 (461)
Hungarian execution mentioned Other answers No answer	7% 50 <u>46</u> 103%@	% 47 <u>47</u> 103%@

[@] Some respondents gave more than one answer.

It was only when the word "Hungary" was part of the question put to the sample in a subsequent query, that some six out of ten respondents (58%) then recollected that Nagy and Maleter had been executed. An additional two per cent, although saying that they had heard of "the recent events in connection with Hungary" when asked to say what this event was, mentioned something other than the Nagy-Maleter affair.

Thus it can be seen, that even when the subject of "recent events in Hungary" was raised, more than four out of ten West Germans admitted that they did not know what this recent Hungarian news could have been.

"Have you perhaps heard of the recent events in connection with Hungary? (What was it?)"

		TOTAL West Germany
		(1676)
Yes, ri	ight cong	58% 2
No		40 100%

VERBATIM COMMENTS ON "THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS" ...

"When you consider what has happened in the world in the last four weeks, what would you say was the most important event?"

TOTAL
West Germany
(1676)

The Middle East and North Africa:

10%

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"In my opinion, the bloody revolt in Iraq was the most important event."

"The war in the Middle East I consider the most important event."

"I think of the Lebanese uprising in this connection."

"Well, I believe the recent development in Jordan to be rather serious."

"I think that the political situation in North Africa has taken a turn for the worse lately."

Atomic energy (the conference; the proposal to halt tests; danger in general):

"In my opinion, the conference of the atomic experts in Geneva is one of the most important events that took place in the last four weeks."

"The Russian proposal to end all nuclear tests seems to me of great importance."

"During the last four weeks various proposals were made to end all nuclear tests. This I consider a very important development."
"The constant menace of the atom-bomb is of greater importance than anything else."

8% The elections in North Rhine/Westphalia: "I believe that the state elections in North Rhine/Westphalia were of great importance." "The elections in North Rhine/Westphalia seem very important "The elections that took place here recently must be mentioned in this connection." The execution in Hungary: 7 "I think that the execution of Nagy and Maleter was the most important eyent in the last four weeks." "Those murders in Hungary were the most important event in my opinion." "I think that the events in Hungary were most important." "In my opinion, the execution of the Hungarian freedom fighters was the most important event." The soccer world championship: "The German soccer team was unable to win the world championship again. To me this news was very important." "I regard the soccer world championship as one of the most important events during the last four weeks." "The soccer games that took place in Sweden some time ago interested me most." De Gaulle's advent to power in France: "De Gaulle's rise to power in France undoubtedly was one of the most important events during the past four weeks." "De Gaulle taking over the government of France: this, in my opinion, is the most important event that happened in the past few weeks." "I think that the change of government in France was rather important." Preparations for a Summit Conference (East/West relations): "The preparation for a Summit Conference is a step that seems of great importance to me." "The East and West governments! willingness to reenter into negotiations is a marked event of recent weeks." "The new conflict that flared up between East and West I consider very serious and important." President Hauss' visit to America: 2 "Our President Heuss visited America and Canada. A rather remarkable event from my point of view." "A few weeks ago, Heuss went to the States. This visit is very important to Germany." 1 Atomic weapons for the Bundeswehr:

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"In my opinion, the decision recently taken by the government to equip the Bundeswehr with atomic weapons is of great importance." "One of the headline events of the last four weeks was the announce-

ment of a plebiscite on atomic armament of the Bundeswehr."

	TOTAL West Germany
The growing tension between Yugoslavia and the East bloc:	1%
"I consider the new rift that occurred between Yugoslavia and Russia the most important happening during the last few weeks." "I am sure that Nasser's visit to Tito must be regarded as a very important event."	
Other answers:	4
"The food prices have gone up during the last four weeks." "The new tax reform I consider as a very important event." "I just think of the news regarding the many bus accidents."	
No opinion:	46 103%@

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Section II - Reactions to the Executions

SEVEN OUT OF TEN CONDEMN EXECUTIONS - BUT ONE QUARTER WITHHOLD JUDGMENT ...

In response to the query of whether they felt these measures were justified in any respect or not (after the entire sample had been informed of the announcement of the executions), only one person out of twenty (5%) could be found who felt that these measures were in any respect justified. Most of the few who saw any justification indicated that the Communists were "partly" (4%) rather than "oompletely" justified in their actions (1%).

Although it is true that seven out of ten (69%) replied that these executions were "not at all justified", one should not lose sight of the fact that one-quarter of the population (26%) had "no opinion" on the question of possible justification.

"In your opinion, were these measures of the Communist regime in Hungary justified in any respect or not? (IF "Justified": Completely or only partly justified?)"

	TOTAL West Germany (1676)
Completely justified Partly justified Not at all justified No opinion	1% 4 69 <u>26</u> 100%

CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY OVER SIGNIFICANCE OF EXECUTIONS ... PLURALITY SEES IT AS WARNING TO THE WEST, RATHER THAN AS A MOVE DIRECTED AGAINST SATELLITES ...

While a majority of the West German population (54%) agreed that these executions indicated a renewed policy of toughness and terror on the part of the East, almost as many either disagreed with this interpretation or simply admitted that they had no ideas on the subject.

"Do you believe that these executions indicate a renewed policy of toughness and terror on the side of the East or does it not mean that?"

	TOTAL	
	West Germany	
Yes, it does No, it does not No opinion	54% 9 <u>37</u> 100%	

A card containing four possible reasons why the executions were announced, as and when they were, were then presented to all respondents with the request that they indicate which of them they believed applied. Again, a sizeable group - one-third of the sample - apparently feeling that they were in no position to judge what the motivation may have been did not select any of the alternatives offered.

The reason selected most often was the fourth one which called it "a warning to the West not to interfere in the affairs of the East" (42%). The other three reasons - a warning to "national-Communist movements", "to Yugoslavia" and "to Poland" - were selected by much smaller percentages (21%, 15%, and 10% respectively).

Inasmuch as the Soviets have been proclaiming since their intervention in the Hungarian revolution, that it was a dastardly counter-revolutionary plot engineered by the West, the fact that the largest percentage selected point "D" (the warning to the West not to interfere) should perhaps be viewed with uneasiness. Soviet repetition of their claim would appear to have been consciously or unconsciously adopted by many West Germans.

"Here on this card are some reasons why these executions were announced now. (CARD)
Which of them, do you believe, apply?"

	TOTAL West Germany (1676)
A - As a warning to Poland	10%
B - As a warning to Yugoslavia	15
C - As a warning to national-	
Communist movements in	
general	21
D - As a warning to the West not	to
interfere in the affairs of	
the East	42
No opinion	34
	122%@

[@] Some respondents gave more than one answer.

Section III - Influence on a Possible Summit Conference

EXECUTIONS SEEN AS HAVING LITTLE INFLUENCE UPON SUMMIT CONFERENCE ...

In answer to a direct question as to whether these executions will or will not have any influence on the planned Summit Conference, a bare majority had an opinion - and then, there were fully as many thinking that it would have no influence (29%) as there were saying that it would have a bearing (28%).

Those who answered that the executions <u>would</u> have an influence were then asked whether they felt that the conference would never take place as a result of this action or whether it would merely make negotiations more difficult. Almost all of those asked this further query replied that it would only make negotiations more difficult (24% of the 28%).

"Do you believe that the execution will or will not have any influence on the planned Summit Conference?"

	TOTAL West Germany (1676)
Yes, will have an influence No, will not have an influence No opinion	28% 29 <u>43</u> 100%

IF "Yes, will have an influence":
"Do you meen that it will prevent the holding of the
conference or only that it will make negotiations
at this conference more difficult?"

	TOTAL West Germany
It will prevent a conference Negotiations will be more	3%
difficult No opinion	24 1
	28%

A cross-tabulation of replies to this question, of the influence of the executions upon the conference, according to what was felt to be the reason for the executions reveals one interesting side-light. Only among those who felt that the reason was "to warn the West", are there more people saying that the executions will have an influence upon the holding of a Summit Conference than there are saying that it will not (41% versus 35%). Among those selecting the other three reasons there are significantly larger percentages saying that the executions will not have an influence.

"Here on this card are some reasons why these executions were announced now. (CARD) Which of them, do you believe, apply?"

		<u> 1</u>	As a warning	g to	
	Poland (176)		National-Communist movements in general (359)		No opinion (577)
"Do you believe that the execution will or will not have any influence on the planned Summit Conference?"					
Yes, will have an influence No, will not have an influence No opinion	38% 43 19 100%	42% 46 12 100%	36% 47 <u>17</u> 100%	41% 35 24 100%	9% 8 <u>83</u> 100%

Two successive questions revealed that the United States is considered to have greater interest in holding a Summit Conference than the Russians. Almost half (47%) say that American interest is "great" or "very great" while only 17 per cent say that about the Russian interest.

While America is clearly given more credit for having an interest in the holding of a Summit Conference (a goal that the great majority of the West German population favors - see Report C-14, "First Reactions to the Explorer", February 27, 1958, OFFICIAL USE ONLY), it must also be remembered that answers to this type of query also indirectly reflect popular attitudes towards the countries involved. And as we already know from many surveys, the United States is always much more popular than the Soviet Union. The real value of these questions will appear in time when trends in answers can be compared.

"How great, do you think, is the actual interest in holding a Summit Conference - very great, great, or slight?"

	American <u>interest</u>	Russian interest
Very great Great	15% } 47	4%) 13) 17
Slight No interest whatever	16 3 } 19	31) 17) 48
No opinion	34	35 100%
NET OPINION	+28	- 31

A comparison of popular expectations concerning the probabilities of a Summit Conference actually taking place is available. Present opinions can be contrasted with expectations in April of this year, when the identical question was asked of another representative sample of the West German population.

While there are slight variations in the percentages selecting the various answer categories, there has actually been little net change in opinion from April until July. True, there is now a somewhat smaller percentage saying a conference is probable (43% now as against 49% earlier) but there is also a somewhat smaller percentage, saying it is not likely to occur. The gain in the percentage having "no opinion" (now 32% as against 23% earlier) seems to have come from both the "optimists" and the "pessimists". As a result, the Net Opinion, calculated by subtracting the percentage feeling that a conference is not probable from those who feel that it is, only shifts from a score of +21 in April 1958 to +18 in July.

"When you consider present political developments, do you think it probable or improbable that a Summit Conference will actually take place? (Very probable or probable?)"

	April 58 (930)	July 58 (1676)
Very probable Probable	10%) 39 \ 49	8%) 35) 43
Not so probable Very improbable	20 } 28	18) ₂₅
No opinion	23	<u>32</u> 100%
NET OPINION	+21	+18

THOSE ASCRIBING GREAT INTEREST TO RUSSIA MORE LIKELY TO CALL CONFERENCE PROBABLE THAN IS THE CASE AMONG THOSE SAYING U.S. HAS GREAT INTEREST ...

THOSE SAYING U.S. INTEREST IS LOW ARE MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN THOSE ASSIGNING LITTLE INTEREST TO RUSSIA ...

Cross-tabulation of responses to the question of American and Russian interest in the holding of a Summit Conference with the respondents' personal opinion concerning the likelihood of a meeting taking place yields some noteworthy differences.

A first analysis of the replies concerning the level of American and Russian interest in a Summit Conference according to opinion as to whether such a meeting was likely revealed that regardless of the level of expectation regarding the holding of the conference more interest in the meeting was ascribed to the United States than was given to Russia. The higher the level of expectation, the higher the level of interest in the holding of such a conference was ascribed to both countries. However, such results might have been anticipated on the basis of the original replies to the question of interest of the two countries in holding a Summit Conference.

Percentages were, therefore, calculated in the other direction in the table. Thus, from the tables below, one can see that whereas those individuals who said Russian interest was great, or very great were more likely than those who said that about the U.S. to call a Summit Conference probable (84% versus 66%). Among those who said that U.S. interest was slight or non-existent, there was more pessimism than there was among those who felt that way about the Russians (47% as against 38%). An even simpler way of pointing this out is to examine the Net Scores. (The Net Scores represent the differences between the percentages replying that a conference was "probable" or "very probable" and those saying that it was "not so probable" or "very improbable".)

For those feeling that the Russians had great interest in a Summit meeting there is a Net Score of +54, while for those calling U.S. interest that high, the figure is but +41.

On the reverse side of the ledger, we note that those calling Russian interest low, (and there are more such people than there are saying this about the U.S.) the Net Score is still <u>plus</u> 15. Those who think that U.S. interest is low return a Net Score of <u>minus</u> 5!

"How great, do you think, is the actual
interest in holding a Summit Conference very great, great, or slight?"

U.S. interest Russian Interest

	Great/ Very great (780)	Slight/None whatever (316)	Great/ Very great (278)	Slight/None whatever (811)
"When you consider present political developments, do you think it probable or improbable that a Summit Conference will actually take place? (Very probable or probable?) (Not so probable or very improbable?)"	,, ,			
Very probable Probable	14% 52 \66%	7% }42%	18%) 56)74%	10%) 43)53%
Not so probable Very improbable	20) ₂₅ 5)	30 17 }47	16 4 }20	27 11)38
No opinion	9	11	6 100%	9 100%
NET SCORE	+41	- 5	+54	+15

APPENDIX

(Population Groupbreaks)

"When you consider what has happened in the world in the last four weeks, what, would you say, was the most important event?"

·	Hungary named	Others	No opinion	No. of cases
West Germany	7%	50%	46%103‰	1676
Sex:				
Men	9	62	32103//@	759
Women	9 5	38	58101‰	917
Education:				
Elementary school	7	46	49102%@	1400
Secondary school w/o diploma	7	60	35102%@	
Diploma/university	13	77	14104%@	58
Income:		21	79100%	53
Up to 149 DM 150 to 249 DM	- 6	38	58102%	
250 to 399 DM		44	52101%	
400 to 499 DM	5 8	49	44101%	
500 DM and more		59	37103/2	
No answer	7 7	43	51101%	
Socio-Economic Status:				
Upper middle and well-to-do	8	66	29103%@	
Lower middle	7	49	46102%@	
Poor	6	38	57101%@	463
Age:	_	- -	11 30140	1 77 77
Up to 24 years	5 7	55 51	44104% 44102%	
25 to 34 years 35 to 44 years		52	41102/2	
45 to 54 years	9 7 6	49	46102%	
55 years and over	6	42	54101%	
Party Preference;		,	J;	
SPD	8	56	38102%@	396
CDU/CSU	7	51	44102/20	685
FDP	8	72	22102%@	
Other parties	10	43	50103%@	
No party	5 5	46	50 , , , 101%	
No opinion	5	34	62101‰	352
Occupation:	16	66	19100%	27
Professionals Businessmen	15 12	52	36100%	27 118
White-collar workers		62	31102/2	
Skilled laborers	9 7	65	31103%@	
Semi-skilled laborers	6	53	43102%@	
Farmers; farmhands	8	28	66 102%	
Housewives	5	36	60101/2	
Pensioners; retired	5 3 8	47	51101%	
Students; apprentices	8	83	33124‰	12
Origin:	F7			
Natives	ř:	47	49107/20	
Expellees; refugees	9	51	41101%@	373
Religion: Catholics	7	46	48 10140	707
Protestants	7 6	50	48101%@ 46 .,.102%@	727 893
Others	6	56	44106%	18
No religion	8	58	34100%	38
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City Size: Up to 1,999 2,000 to 19,999 20,000 to 99,999 100,000 and over	5%	37%	59%101%@	461
	8	46	48102%@	541
	8	56	36100%	249
	6	59	38103%@	425
Land: Schleswig/Holstein,				
Hamburg, Bremen	4	49	48101//@	159
Lower Saxony	6	42	52100//	238
North Rhine/Westphalia	5	60	38103 %	502
Hesse	8	48	45101 %	11 [.] 7
Rhineland/Palatinate	5	40	56101%	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	14	40	49103%	248
Bavaria	7	45	51103‰	288

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	Yes	No	No. of cases
West Germany	58%	42%100%	1676
Sex:	70	20	750
Men Women	72 47	28 57	759 917
Education:			
Elementary school Secondary school w/o diploma	55 69	45 31	1400 220
Diploma/university	84	16	56
Income:	7.0	(0	
Up to 149 DM 150 to 249 DM	38 51	62 49	53 146
250 to 399 DM	54	46	264
400 to 499 DM	60	40	271
500 DM and more	65	35	554
No answer	56	44	388
Socio-Economic Status: Upper middle and well-to-do	65	35	237
Lower middle	61	39	976
Poor [,]	50	50	463
Age:	F.0	r o	
Up to 24 years 25 to 34 years	50 62	50 38	177
35 to 44 years	62	38	336 350
45 to 54 years	61	39	355
55 years and over	54	46	458
Party Preference: SPD	66	34	396
CDU/CSU	61	39	685
FDF	67	33	51
Other parties	70	30	30
No party	50	50	162
No opinion Occupation:	46	54	352
Professionals	85	15	27
Businessmen	68	32	118
White collar workers	71	29	260
Skilled laborers	7 3	27	230
Semi-skilled laborers Farmers; farmhands	56 56	44 44	194
Housewives	45	55	87 646
Pensioners; retired	66	34	102
Students; apprentices	59	41	12
Origin:	F.7		
Natives Expellees; refugees	57 64	43	1303
Religion;	04	36	373
Catholics	58	42	727
Protestants	58	42	893
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Religion: Catholics	52	8	40	727
Frotestants	56	10	34	893
Others No religion	17 45	33 18	50 37	18 38

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	Yes, it does	No, it does not	No opinion	No. of cases
City Size: Up to 1,999 2,000 to 19,999 20,000 to 99,999 100,000 and over	49%	6%	45%100%	461
	57	8	35	541
	59	12	29	249
	52	13	35	425
Land: Schleswig/Holstein,	50	7 7	7.5	2.50
Hamburg, Bremen	52	13	35	159
Lower Saxony	57	7	36	238
North Rhine/Westphalia Hesse	59	8	33	502
	44	13	43	117
Rhineland/Palatinate	49	6	45	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	56	11	33	248
Bavaria	47	10	43	288

"Here on this card are some reasons why these executions were announced now. (CARD) Which of them, do you believe, apply?"

A - As a warning to Poland
B - As a warning to Yugoslavia
C - As a warning to national-Communist
movements in general
D - As a warning to the West not to
interfere in the affairs of the East

No. of

	_ <u>A</u> _	В	<u> </u>	D	No opinion	cases
West Germany	10%	15%	21%	42%	34%122%@	1676
Sex:						
Men	14	21	30	48	18131‰	759
Women	8	10	14	36	48116‰	917
Education:						3.400
Elementary school	10	14	19	41	37121‰	1400
Secondary school	2.4	00	0.0	4.5	00 17000	000
w/o diploma	14	20	29	45	22130%	220 56
Diploma/university	16	25	45	39	11136‰	90
Income: Up to 149 DM	6	6	9	25	60106‰	53
150 to 249 DM	14	17	11	42	43127/@	146
250 to 399 DM	11	12	19	42	41125%@	264
400 to 499 DM	8	13	24	44	30119%@	271
500 DM and more	13	21	27	44	23128%@	554
No answer	8	12	18	36	42116%@	388
Socio-Economic Status:					,	
Upper middle and						
well-to-do	14	19	31	43	24131%	237
Lower middle	10	15	22	42	32121%@	976
Poor	10	13	16	38	44121‰	463
Age:						
Up to 24 years	8	11	19	45	35118‰	177
25 to 34 years	11	16	24	42	30123//@	336
35 to 44 years	11	17	23	42	32125%	350
45 to 54 years	11	14	25	42	34126%	355
55 years and over Party Preference:	10	15	17	38	40120%@	458
SPD SPD	11	16	23	45	28123%@	396
CDU/CSU	12	17	25	43	29126%	685
FDP	20	29	29	51	10139%@	51
Other parties	20	17	27	46	23133‰	30
No party	7	14	16	43	38118%@	162
No opinion	6	10	13	29	56114‰	352
Occupation:					•	
Professionals	7	18	41	48	4118%@	27
Businessmen	10	9	30	43	21113‰	118
White-collar workers	13	22	33	42	21131‰	260
Skilled laborers	13	20	25	50	20128%@	230
Semi-skilled laborers	15	19	27	51	25137‰	194
Farmers; farmhands	7	11	14	37	43112%	87
Housewives	8	10	13	33	50114/@	646
Pensioners; retired Students; apprentices	11 8	20	15	48 33	37131% 25108%	102 12
Origin:	O	17	25))	2)100%@	12
Natives	10	14	21	41	36122‰	1303
Expellees; refugees	11	19	24	43	29126%	373
		-/		47		717

[@] Some respondents gave more than one answer.

	<u>A</u>	В	C	D	No opinion	No. of cases
Religion:						
Catholics	10%	14%	20%	41%	37%122%@	727
Protestants	11	16	22	42	33124‰	893
Others	6	11	22	39	44122%@	18
No religion	10	16	29	45	26126‰	38
City Size:					•	
Up to 1,999	9	14	16 '	37	44120‰	461
2,000 to 19,999	10	14	23	44	33124‰	541
20,000 to 99,999	16	26	22	42	30136‰	249
100,000 and over	9	12	25	42	28116‰	425
Land:					· ·	, ,
Scleswig/Holstein,						
Hamburg, Bremen	15	19	21	46	26127‰	159
Lower Saxony	13	15	21	47	35131‰	238
North Rhine/Westphalia	10	13	25	42	32122‰	502
Hesse	8	14	22	34	38116‰	117
Rhineland/Palatinate	2	10	15	33	49109‰	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	10	25	20	36	32123%@	248
Bavaria	11	11	19	43	38122‰	288

[@] Some respondents gave more than one answer.

"Do you believe that the execution will or will not have any influence on the planned Summit Conference?"

	Yes, will have an influence	No, will not have an influence	No opinion	No. of
West Germany	28%	29%.	43%100%	1676
Sex:				
Men	34	39	27	759
Women	24	20	56	917
Education:	27	26	47	1400
Elementary school Secondary school w/o diploma	31	41	28	220
Diploma/university	43	43	14	56
Income:	17			
Up to 149 DM	19	21	60	5 3.
150 to 249 DM	30	19	51	146
250 to 399 DM	26	24	50	264
400 to 499 DM	27	33	40	271
500 DM and more	34	35	31	554
No answer	23	25	52	388
Socio-Economic Status:	7.0	7.0	7.0	075
Upper middle and well-to-do	32 30	36 30	32 40	23 7 9 76
Lower middle Poor	24	30 23	40 53	463
Age:	24	در -))	40)
Up to 24 years	32	23	45	177
25 to 34 years	30	32	38	336
35 to 44 years	31	32	37	350
45 to 54 years	25	31	44	355
55 years and over	27	25	48	458
Party Preference:				
SPD ,	31	32	37	396
CDU/CDU	34	29	37	685
FDP	35 3.7	45	20	51
Other parties	13	33 32	54	30 162
No party	24 17	32 19	44 64	352
No opinion Occupation:	τ,	17	04	7,72
Professionals	44	41	15	27
Businessmen	30	35	35	118
White-collar workers	35	38	27	260
Skilled laborers	29	43	28	230
Semi-skilled laborers	27	29	44	194
Farmers; farmhands	28	28	44	87
Housewives	24	19	57	646
Pensioners; retired	35	26	39	102
Students; apprentices	42	25	33	12
Origin:	n 7	20	4 E	1707
Natives Expellees; refugees	27 32	28 32	45 36	1303 373
Religion:	76) 2	70	717
Catholics	28	26	46	727
Protestants	30	30	40	893
Others	6	33	61	18
No religion	14	45	41	38

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	Yes, will have an influence	have an	No opinion	No. of cases
City Size:				•
Up to 1,999	27%	23%	50%100%	461
2,000 to 19,999	29	27	44	541
20,000 to 99,999	28	33	39	249
100,000 and over	2 9	35	36	425
Land:				
Schleswig/Holstein,				
Hamburg, Bremen	28	33	39	159
Lower Saxony	31	29	40	238
North Rhine/Westphalia	29	29	42	502
Hesse	22	34	44	117
Rhineland/Palatinate	36	12	52	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	28	33	39	248
Bavaria	26	27	47	288

"Do you believe that the execution will or will not have any influence on the planned Summit Conference?"

IF "Yes, will have an influence":
"Do you mean that it will prevent the holding of the conference or only that it will make negotiations at this conference more difficult?"

	It will prevent a conference	Nego- tiations will be more difficult	No opinion	Not asked	No. of
West Germany	3%	24%	1%	72%100%	1676
Sex:	A	20	1	66	7 59
Men Women	4 2	29 21	1	76	917
Education:	۵.		*	10	. /
Elementary school	3	23	_1	73	1400
Secondary school w/o dipl	oma 3	26	2	69	220
Diploma/university	2	37	4	57	56
Income:			^	0.7	r >
Up to 149 DM	4	13	2 1	81	53 146
150 to 249 DM	2 2	27 23	1	70 74	264
250 to 399 DM	2	24	1	73	271
400 to 499 DM 500 DM and more	4	29	1	66	554
No answer	3	18	2	77	388
Socio-Economic Status:			_	' '	
Upper middle and well to-	do 3	28	1	68	237
Lower middle	do 3 3	26	1	70	976
Poor	3	19	2	76	463
Age:			_	60	3.00
Up to 24 years	3	28	1	68	177
25 to 34 years	5	26	1	70	336
35 to 44 years	2	27	1	69 75	350 355
45 to 54 years	3 3 3 3	21 23	1	75 73	355 458
55 years and over Party Preference)	2)	τ.	17	470
SPD	6	24	1	69	396
CDU/CSU	3	30	ī	66	685
FDP	2	31	2	65	51
Other parties	-	13		87	30
No party	2	20	2	76	162
No opinion	1	15	1	83	352
Occupation:	_			51	٥π
Professionals	3 3	41	_	56 70	27 118
Busingsmen	2	2 6 29	1 2	70 65	260
White-collar workers Skilled laborers	4 2	26	1	71	230
Semi-skilled laborers	5	22	*	73	194
Farmers; farmhands	5 2	25	1	72	87
Housewives	3	20	1	76	646
Pensioners; retired	4	31	_	65	102
Students; apprentices	-	33	9	58	12
Origin:					
Natives	3 3	23	1	73	1303
Expellees; refugees	3	27	2	68	373
Religion:	7	2.4	1	72	727
Catholics Protestants	3 4	24 25	1 1	72 70	893
Others	4 ~	6	_	94	18
No religion	3	8	3	86	38
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^{*} Less than one half of one per cent.

	It will prevent a conference	Nego- tiations will be more difficult	No opinion	Not asked	No. of
City Size:					
Up to 1,999	2%	24%	1%	73%100%	461
2,000 to 19,999	4	24	1	71	541
20,000 to 99,999	3	24	1	72	249
100,000 and over	3	25	1	71	425
Land:					, ,
Schleswig/Holstein,					
Hamburg, Bremen	2	23	3	72	159
Now in Saxony	4	26	1	69	238
North Rhine/Westphalia	4	24	1	71	502
Hesse	1	20	1	78	117
Rhineland/Palatinate	8	28	-	64	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	2	24	2	72	248
Bavaria	1	24	1	74	288

"How great, do you think, is the actual American interest in holding a Summit Conference, very great, great, or slight?"

	Very great/ Great	Slight/ No interest whatever	No opinion	No. of
West Germany	47%	19%	34%100%	1676
Sex:				
Men Women	58 37	24 1 5	18 48	759 91 7
Education:	21	1)	40	711
Elementary school	44	19	37	1400
Secondary school w/o diploma Diploma/university	62 57	17 30	21 13	220 56
Income:	21)	±))0
Up to 149 DM	21	13	66	53
150 to 249 DM	49	13 18	38	146
250 to 399 DM 400 to 499 DM	44 44	21	38 35	264 2 7 1
500 DM and more	55	22	23	554
No answer	41	16	43	388
Socio-Economic Status:				
Upper middle and well-to-do	54	20	26	237
Lower middle Poor	47 42	20 16	33 42	976 463
Age:	'†	10	' † '	407
Up to 24 years	45	15	40	177
25 to 34 years	48	23	29	336
35 to 44 years	47	21	32	350
45 to 54 years 55 years and over	50 43	21 14	29	355 458
Party Preference:	43	- 4	43	4 70
SED	48	26	26	396
CJJ/CSU	56	16	28	685
FDP	63	23	14	51
Other parties No party	33	30 22	37	30 162
No opinion	41 27	14	37 59	352
Occupation:	- 1			7,7-
Professionals	67	22	11	27
Businessmen	53	25	22	118
White-collar workers Skilled laborers	55 57	22	23 16	260 230
Semi-skilled laborers	57 48	27 21	31	194
Farmers; farmhands	41	18	41	87
Housevives	38	13	49	646
Pensioners; retired	46	18	36	102
Students; approntices	59	8	33	12
Origin: Natives	45	19	36	1303
Expellees; refugees	53	18	29	373
Religion:				
Catholics	47	17	36	727
Protestants Others	47	20 2 2	33 39	893 18
No religion	39 3 9	32	29	38
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	Very great/ Great	Slight/ No interest whatever	No opinion	No. of cases
City Size: Up to 1,999 2,000 to 19,999 20,000 to 99,999 100,000 and over	39% , 49 51 47	15% 18 23 23	46%100% 33 26 30	461 541 249 425
Land: Schleswig/Holstein,	, .			
Hamburg, Bremen	50	24	26	159
Lower Saxony	53	13	34	238
North Rhine/Westphalia	46	22	32	502
Hesse	53	11	36	117
Rhineland/Palatinate	40	19	41	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	50	16	34	248
Bavaria	37	21	42	288

"And how great, do you think, is the actual <u>Russian</u> interest in holding a Summit Conference, very great, great, or slight?"

	Very great/ Great	Slight/ No interest whatever	No opinion	No. of cases
West Germany	17%	48%	35%100%	1676
Sex:		4.		
Men	21	61	18	759
Women	13	38	49	917
Education: Elementary school	15	47	38	1400
Secondary school w/o diploma		52	23	220
Diploma/university	25	64	11	56
Income:		·		
Up to 149 DM	9	32	59	53
150 to 249 DM	14	44	42	146
250 to 399 DM	18	42	40	264
400 to 499 DM	15	50 57	35	271
500 DM and more No answer	19 15	57 44	24 41	554 388
Socio-Economic Status:	1)	44	41	700
Upper middle and well-to-do	22	50	28	237
Lower middle	17	50	33	976
Poor	13	43	44	463
Age:				
Up to 24 years	19	39	42	177
25 to 34 years	18	52	30	336
35 to 44 years	16 18	55 51	29	350 355
45 to 54 years 55 years and over	14	51 42	31 44	458
55 years and over Party Preference:		44	44	4,70
SPD	20	54	26	396
CDU/CSU	18	54	28	685
FDP	37	51	12	51
Other parties	7	56	37	30
No party	20	43	37	162
No opinion	7	32	61	352
Occupation:	77	40	10	27
Professionals Businessmen	33 17	48 65	19 18	118
White-collar workers	23	52	25	260
Skilled laborers	22	64	14	230
Semi-skilled laborers	14	53	33	194
Farmers; farmhands	18	45	37	87
Housewives	12	38	50	646
Pensioners; retired	19	43	38	102
Students; apprentices	8	59	33	12
Origin: Natives	16	48	36	1303
Expellees; refugees	18	52	30	373
Religion:		72		
Catholics	16	47	37	727
Protestants	17	50	33	893
Others	28	28	44	18
No religion	26	45	29	38

	Very great/ Great	Slight/ No interest whatever	No opinion	No. of cases
City Size: Up to 1,999 2,000 to 19,999 20,000 to 99,999 100,000 and over	12% 18 21 17	44% 48 52 52	44%100% 34 27 31	461 541 249 425
Land: Schleswig/Holstein,	•			
Hamburg, Bremen	15	53	32	159
Lower Saxony	12	52	36	238
North Rhine/Westphalia	16	53	31	502
Hesse	15	51	34	117
Rhineland/Palatinate	15	46	39	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	26	41	33	248
Bavaria	15	43	42	288

"When you consider present political developments, do you think it probable or improbable that a Summit Conference will actually take place? (Very probable or probable?)"

	Very probable/	Not so probable/ Very	No oninion	No. of
	Probable	improbable	No opinion	cases
West Germany	43%	25%	32%100%	1676
Sex:				
Men	54	30	16	759
Women	34	20	46	917
Education:	4.3	07	76	2.400
Elementary school	41	23	36 16	1400 220
Secondary school w/o diploma Diploma/university	54 68	30 2 8	4	56
Income:	00	20	'1) ₀
Up to 149 DM	21	23	56	53
150 to 249 DM	41	19	40	146
250 to 399 DM	36	25	39	264
400 to 499 DM	46	23	31	271
500 DM and more	52	29	19	554
No answer	40	20	40	388
Socio-Economic Status:				
Upper middle and well-to-do	53	26	21	237
Lower middle	44	26	30	976
Poor	38	20	42	463
Age:	41	19	40	177
Up to 24 years 25 to 34 years	48	25	27	336
35 to 44 years	49	24	27	350
45 to 54 years	42	28	30	355
55 years and over	38	24	38	458
Party Preference:		· ·		
SPD	44	32	24	396
CDU/CSU	50	24	26	685
FDP	59	29	12	51
Other parties	46	27	27	30
No party	41	22	37	162
No opinion	28	17	55	352
Occupation: Professionals	70	26	1	27
Businessmen	70 52	30 30	4 18	2 7 118
White collar workers	51	29	20	260
Skilled laborers	53	33	14	230
Semi-skilled laborers	46	25	29	194
Farmers: farmhands	36	24	40	87
Housewives	35	18	47	646
Pensioners; retired	41	26	33	102
Students; apprentices	50	25	25	12
Origin:				
Natives	42	25	33	1303
Expellees; refugees	49	23	2 8	373
Religion:	42	20	76	707
Catholics Protestants	42 45	22 26	36 29	72 7 893
Others	45 55	17	29 . 28	18
No religion	50	29	21	38
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	Very probable/ Probable	Not so probable/ Very improbable	No opinion	No. of cases
City Size:	7.9d	0001	47d 200d	
Up to 1,999	37%	20%	43%100%	461
2,000 to 19,999	42	27	31	541
20,000 to 99,999	57	22	21	249
100,000 and over	44	28	28	425
Land:				
Schleswig/Holstein,				
Hamburg, Bremen	45	28	27	159
Lower Saxony	48	20	32	238
North Rhine/Westphalia	43	28	29	502
Hesse	43	30	27	117
Rhineland/Palatinate	36	26	38	124
Baden/Wuerttemberg	49	19	32	248
Bavaria	38	22	•	•
Davaria	70	22	40	288





